



**Atchafalaya Trace Commission/  
Atchafalaya National Heritage Area**

**Minutes: January 8, 2020 Meeting**

A meeting of the Atchafalaya Trace Commission (Commission), managing entity of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area (ANHA), was held Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 10 a.m. at the West Baton Rouge Museum in Port Allen.

**Commissioners present:**

Wilbert Carmouche, Chair, Avoyelles  
Mart Black, Vice-Chair, Terrebonne  
Michael Proctor, Treasurer, East Baton Rouge  
Angélique Bergeron, Secretary, West Baton Rouge  
Chris Burton, Iberia  
Charles Caillouet, Ascension  
Phillip Daigle, Sr., Assumption  
Wes Davis, Lafayette  
Herman Fuselier, St. Landry  
Linda Gardner, Concordia  
Clifford LeGrange, Iberville  
Carol Patin, St. Martin  
J. A. Rummler, Pointe Coupée  
Carrie Stansbury, St. Mary

**Commissioners absent:**

None

**Others present:**

Carrie Broussard, Louisiana Office of Cultural Development  
Kristin Sanders, Louisiana Office of Cultural Development

**I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Carmouche called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and asked for everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Carmouche asked Black to call roll. With twelve of the thirteen Commissioners present, Carmouche declared a quorum.

**II. Agenda Approval**

Chairman Carmouche called for a motion to approve the agenda for this meeting. **Stansbury made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Black. Motion carried unanimously (13-0) with Burton absent.**

**III. Minutes Approval**

Chris Burton noted that he was indicated as absent the draft minutes, but he did attend the meeting. **Bergeron made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Rummler. Motion carried unanimously (14-0) with Burton present.**



**IV. Introduction of New Commissioner**

Herman Fuselier introduced himself as the new commissioner from St. Landry Parish.

**V. 2020 Commissioner Appointments**

Lafayette Parish appointment letter should be sent to the chair of the parish council, not the parish president.

**VI. Executive Director Update**

The Executive Director position was open on the State Civil Service website from December 17, 2019 until January 17, 2020. 80 applications were received. Staff will review applications and submit top candidates to the Executive Committee for interview selection by the full Commission in February.

**VII. 2019 National Park Service Reporting**

OCD staff will complete the FY18-19 federal reporting and FY19-20 federal budget request and scope of work. The final documents will be shared with the Commission after submitted.

**VIII. Grants Overview/Update**

OCD staff reviewed the grant spreadsheet presented to the Commission. Proctor made a motion to approve the pending grant application by the St. Mary Parish Tourist Commission for Wings to Soar 2020. The grant application was for \$3,250. Seconded by Bergeron. Motion carried unanimously (13-0-1) with Stansbury abstaining.

Black made a motion to ratify all the grant applications that are executed or underway. LeGrange made a substitute motion to ratify the grant applications that are executed or underway, except the grant to the Atchafalaya Basinkeepers. Seconded by Gardner. Motion carried unanimously (11-0-3) with Bergeron, Davis and Rummler abstaining.

Proctor made a motion to approve the pending grant application for the Thibodaux-Loudun Twinning Association for \$3,150 (\$2,800 for transportation and \$350 for speaker fee and lunch). Black seconded. Motion approved unanimously (14-0).

In the future, the Executive Committee will serve as the Grant Committee.

**IX. Other Business/Comments from Public Attendees**

None

**X. Commissioner Announcements**

Various commissioners announced events in their area.

**XI. Adjourn**

With no further business, **Patin moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rummler. Motion carried unanimously (14-0).**